



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

April 19, 2026

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. Jesus welcomed children in worship, and so do we! Having said that, here are some additional options for parents:

- + There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.
- + A private “nursing moms” alcove is available in the nursery.
- + Classroom 1 is a “Wiggle Room” for parents who desire a place to be with their children who need to wiggle while still being able to watch the livestream.

Please be aware that we livestream our services.

Worshiping God

April 19, 2026

Reflections

What deserves to hold the first place among the fruit of the Spirit if not love? Without love other virtues are not reckoned to be virtues. From love is born all that is good.

- Jerome

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 36:5-9

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

All: your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgements are like the deep;

All: man and beast you save, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house.

All: and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: in your light do we see light.

Prayer of Praise

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy
thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

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That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
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That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
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Completely Known, Completely Loved

Verse 1

Completely known completely loved
My heart is seen by God above
Should I now run dare hide my face
When in His eyes there is only grace

Verse 2

Completely free the shame is gone
The highest Judge took all my wrongs
And set them on His only Son
He bore my sin I bear His love

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me

Verse 3

Completely His how can it be
That God would set His heart on me
Loved not for works that I have done
But long before time had begun

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me

Verse 4

Completely saved the work is done
The curse the grave is overcome
For with that dawn there rose a King
Now heaven's smile shines over me

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me
(REPEAT)

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Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 38

Q: *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

A: **At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

Scripture Reading – Lamentations 3:22-24

Sue Vester

Reader: *This is the word of the LORD.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession – adapted from Anselm

O you plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of your sevenfold grace over our hearts. Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we most humbly implore your assistance. You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will. When, therefore, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus



1. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus. Vast, un -
 2. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus; spread His ___
 3. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus, love of ___

6 B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em Em/G B C Am B



-mea - sured, bound - less, free. Roll - ing ___ as a might - y ___
 praise _ from shore _ to shore! How He ___ lov - eth, ev - er ___
 ev - 'ry love _ the best. 'Tis an ___ o - cean vast of ___

12 Em G D/F# (C/B B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em G G/B



o - cean in its ___ full - ness o - ver me. Un - der -
 lov - eth, chang - eth ___ nev - er, nev - er - more. How He ___
 bless - ing; 'tis a ___ ha - ven sweet _ of rest. O the ___

18 D^{sus} D Em Em/G B^{sus} B Em Em/D C D Em C



-neath me, all a - round me, is the ___ cur - rent of Thy ___
 watch - es o'er His ___ loved ones, died to ___ call them all His ___
 deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus; 'Tis a ___ heav'n of heav'ns to ___

24 B Em Em/G B C Am B Em



love. Lead - ing ___ on - ward, lead - ing ___ home - ward,
 own. How for ___ them He in - ter - ced - eth,
 me. And it ___ lifts me up to ___ glo - ry,



to my ___ glo - rious rest ___ a - bove.
 watch - es ___ o'er ___ them from ___ the throne.
 for it ___ lifts me up ___ to Thee.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Holly Wirt

Offering

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

Scripture:

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not

love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Sermon: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

Pastor Justin Kleiner

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – from 1 Corinthians 11

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communing Together

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F F
C
F
Gm D
Gm
F C
F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb
F
C7
F
C7
F
C
F
C
F
Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing.

Gm
F C
F
F
C7
Dm
Gm
C7
F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

The Sending

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

** Would you like to pray with someone today about a need? Following the service a PRAYER TEAM member is available to pray with you. Find them up front to the right of the platform.**

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 4/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/19	11:30 am	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 4/19	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tu. 4/21	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 4/21	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tu. 4/21	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 4/22	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 4/22	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/22	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/26	11:30 am	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 4/26	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Grim Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$131,250.00	\$114,280.21
Week of 4/12/26	\$8,750.00	\$5,103.00

Announcements

- ❖ **Inquirers' Class:** On **Sundays April 19th, 26th, May 3rd, and 17th**, New Life will host an inquirers' class for those interested in learning more about the church and who are possibly interested in membership. The class will meet from 11:30-12:15 in classroom 1. While an RSVP to the church office is not necessary, it would be helpful.
- ❖ **Women's Fellowship Night:** Ladies of all ages are invited to join the women of New Life's music team to share in a refreshing evening of singing, scripture, and snacks on **Sat. May 16** at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a scripture and a snack to share. See you there! Contact Becky Cerha or Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with questions or favorite worship songs.
- ❖ **Servants Faith Beyond the Pews work week 2026:** Servants' annual Faith Beyond the Pews 2026 is happening **June 8-12**. Come help us practically serve our York neighbors through construction with opportunities to share the good news of Jesus! Online registration is available at <https://servants.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=104071> or by selecting RSVP at <https://www.servants.org/event-details/faith-beyond-the-pews>. Signups can be for the whole week or for individual days. Sign-ups are open now through early May. Servants work camps begin with an info session and ice cream social at the host site on Sunday evening. Monday through Friday are work days. Each morning begins at the host site with breakfast, a devotional, lunch packing, and tool/material pickup before heading to the assigned work sites. After serving for the day, teams return to the host site for dinner and a debrief where God-sightings from the day are shared. On Friday evening there is a celebration dinner and all volunteers and homeowners we worked with during the week are invited.
Other ways to help: New Life's Mercy Team coordinates a taco dinner on **Thurs. June 11** to serve to all the hungry workers at 5pm. We need help serving dinner and also baking and providing desserts. Please see signup sheets in the church foyer or reach out to Kiel Reese, Susette Grim, or Barbara Henry.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars for NLPC's Vacation Bible School the week of **July 20-24th**. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Catherine Kloetzli.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Youth and Children's classes: Pre-K through 1st meets in classroom 5, 2nd-4th meets in classroom 4, 5-8th meets in classroom 3, and 9-12th meets in classroom 1.

Two adult classes: one studying *Ezra* and *Nehemiah* and meeting in the Aquarium room and the other studying the theology of idolatry and meeting in Classroom 2.

Women's Bible Study: All women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend a 10-week study, *James: Walking in Wisdom*, by Lydia Brownback, beginning **Tues. March 10**. Group meetings occur in the church Aquarium Room on Tuesdays 9:30–11am, or on Zoom in the evenings from 7– 8:15pm. Please contact Marlene Spark for details.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in Classroom 1 at 9am.

Moms+: Women, please join us at the church on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am. Childcare and Bible classes for your kids are also provided.

Music and Sound: Help out with worship on Sundays by joining the music and/or sound team. Contact Jenn Ryan at jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: NLPC has two ongoing opportunities dedicated to prayer. In the midday, prayer meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** from 11am-12pm in classroom 1. In the evenings, prayer meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** from 7-8pm in the classroom 3. Sherry Rishel is the point of contact.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Elder Will Pope with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Groups: Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, Bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like to join a group.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

Mission: *To receive the grace of God, to give glory to God,
and to follow the Word of God.*

Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and to sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands; therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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